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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 45, 46, 66 and 72 - 73 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

44. (Once Amended) A method for mechanochemical polishing, comprising:

preparing a chemical solution that includes hydrogen peroxide water and abrasive grains made of chromium (III) oxide;

polishing a surface of a semiconductor wafer by mechanochemical polishing using the chemical solution and a polishing cloth; and

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